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ATTACK OF ANTHRAX DISEASE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anthrax disease has been noticed in Sheep and Cattle in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the spread of Anthrax disease in neighbouring places?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): Anthrax in cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat occurs sporadically in the country.It has been reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh that during the month of January, 2008, in Jandlapeta village and in Chittoor Municipality of Chittoor district, 5 numbers of Sheep and 4 numbers of cattle have died due to Anthrax.

(c): The following steps have been taken by the Government to check the spread of Anthrax:-

Scientific disposal and burial of carcass.

Disinfection of the cattle shed and premises where outbreak has been confirmed.

All susceptible Animals are vaccinated with live spore Anthrax vaccine within a radius of 5 Kms from the site of outbreak of Anthrax disease. The same vaccine will be repeated for every nine months for a period of 3 years.

Village wise awareness camps were organized with audio visuals on Anthrax disease in animals and its symptoms, prevention, disposal of carcass and disinfection of the premises.

As the disease is of Zoonotic importance, awareness is also created about Anthrax Disease in human beings about symptoms, prevention and treatment measures through Pamphlets, print media and electronic media.